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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT NO. [redacted]

TOPIC Schoenwalde Airfield

25X1 EVALUATION [redacted] PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1

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On 5 November 1953, the quartering billets at Schoenwalde airfield, formerly occupied by Soviet Air Force Unit Goncher, were vacant and the majority were boarded up. A team of high ranking officers of the army units stationed at the field inspected the quarters and the building housing the kitchen. No aircraft were observed on the landing field or in front of the closed hangars. There was no air activity. A concrete bunker, about 2.5 meters high, was located on the drilling ground north of the quartering building. Southwest of this bunker were four wooden masts, about 18 meters high, arranged in a square. Two masts each were interconnected by a wire. The two connecting wires had a branch line leading to the concrete bunker and to a wooden hut respectively. 25X1 [redacted] six Soviet Air Force men near the installation. Eighteen air force personnel were identified in the messhall of the unit with Chesnakov (fnu) as auditor. On 7 December, the former air force billets were still vacant. No aircraft were seen on the landing field or in front of the closed hangars. No change was observed in the status of the radio installation.

25X1 [redacted] Comment. The bulk of the 31st AAA Div of the Soviet Army is quartered in the quartering area of Schoenwalde airfield. It is believed that the described radio installations are connected with these units. A RUS II-type set and a Whiff-type had also been observed at the field. The tow-target unit which formerly was stationed at the field has probably not as yet returned. The information that the former air force billets were inspected by army officers indicates that the billets will probably be also occupied by army units. Of the air force troops, only a guard detail is still stationed in Schoenwalde.

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